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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated November 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please delete the abstract of the invention on page 24 in favor of the abstract presented on the page attached to the present response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 12, 14 and 16 as follows:

~~12~~ ¹ (Amended) A process for preparing dye-containing polymer particles containing at least one dye in a matrix of an essentially water-insoluble polymer and having an average particle size within the range from 5 nm to 5 μ m, which comprises precipitating the dye-

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